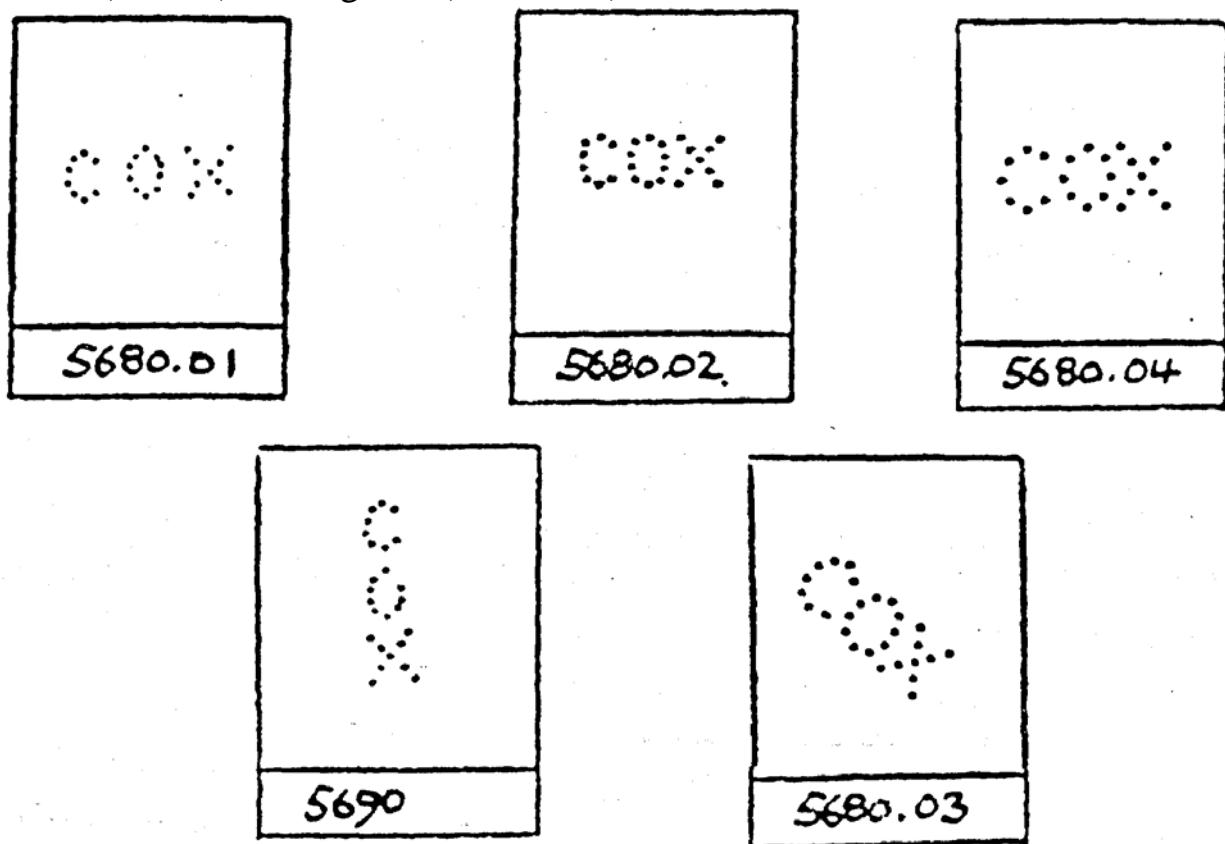


## "COX" PERFINs. PART 1. by Peter E.J.Cox

My main interest over the past 12 years has been a study of the Penny Red with check letters "Q-H". That was until I discovered a 10d QV Jubilee stamp perforated with the name "COX". As my name is COX, I set myself the task of finding out as much as possible about the Cox perfins and the users of these perfins.

The name COX could represent Cox & Co., paymaster to the Army: Cox & Son, paymaster to the Royal Marines/Navy: Cox Brothers, Jute Manufacturers of Dundee. The fun began when I tried to sort them out. There are 5 listed 'COX' Perfins: 3 Horizontal (C5680.01, 5680.02, 5680.04), 1 Vertical (C5690), 1 Diagonal (C5680.03).



The horizontal dies and the vertical die belong to Cox & Co. who in 1758 began with an office in the house of Richard Cox in Albemarle Street, moving to Craig's Court, and later in 1886 to 16 Charing Cross. Finally, before merging with Lloyds' Bank in April 1922, they spent seven months 'married' to H.S. King forming "COX & KING". This was the Cox of the Army connection. Cox & Co's only other branch, outside London, was at RAWALPINDI, India. This branch looked after the banking interests of the serving officers of the English Army in the time of the "JEWEL IN THE CROWN".

I am still following up the history of Cox & Son. It seems strange that two banks with the same surname, both in London, both paymaster to branches of the armed forces, were not connected. Even Lloyds' Bank is pressing me to let them know if I discover anything new about Cox & Son.

I then considered the Diagonal perfin, all copies of which seem to have Dundee Postmarks. It certainly does not belong to Cox & Co. the bankers. My detective work lead me to believe the Perfin belongs to COX BROTHERS of Dundee, who were a large employer of labour. A study of their archives shows no contact with SLOPERS, but there were copies of letters from past employees who became serving officers in the army in 1914-18. They were letters to Cox & Co. the bankers, via Cox Brothers, their former employer. Perhaps it was easier to enclose letters to their bank in the mail to their family still working at Cox Brothers.

Now may I ask for help? Does anyone own a cover with a Diagonal COX Perfin which will yield a vital clue as to the true owner of this perfin? Can anyone inform me of the date when Slopers began to offer their DIES to clients as well as offering to perfin stamps? When, and if, I have more information, I will pen a Part 2 to "COX" PERFINS.

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#### OWNERSHIP AND HISTORY OF COX A Co.BANK.

- 1758 Started by RICHARD COX in his home in Albermarle Street.
- 1765 Richard Cox moved his Bank to CRAIG'S COURT.
- 1766 COX-DRUMMOND. Richard Cox and his friend HENRY DRUMMOND.
- 1768 Firm began its connection with Royalty. (H.R.H.Duke of Gloucester).
- 1771 CHARLES GREENWOOD, cousin of Richard Cox entered the firm as clerk.
- 1771 ARTHUR MAIR taken into partnership in place of Henry Drummond.
- 1772 COX & MAIR.
- 1779 RICHARD BETHEL COX, only son of Richard Cox, taken into partnership.
- 1779-1783 COX,MAIR and COX (until Mair died).
- 1783 Richard Cox and his son, upon the death of Mair, took CHARLES GREENWOOD into partnership.
- 1795 RICHARD HENRY COX, grandson of Founder, entered the business.
- 1800-1803 COX,GREENWOOD & COX. (Richard H.Cox became a partner).
- 1803 GREENWOOD & COX (C.Greenwood & R.H.Cox) upon the death of the Founder, Richard Cox.
- 1807 CHARLES HAMMESLEY, nephew of Charles Greenwood brought into partnership

1808-1813 GREENWOOD COX & COMPANY.

1823 HENRY RICHARD COX joined the Company.

1828 HENRY RICHARD COX appointed a partner.

1823 Charles Greenwood died.

1834-1923 COX & COMPANY. Richard Henry Cox.

Henry Richard Cox.

Charles Hammersley.

Frederick William Cox.

Various changes of partners but still known as COX & COMPANY until being taken over by Lloyds' Bank in 1923, but the name of COX & KING lives on in the History of Banking and the Army to the present day.

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